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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kevin M. GORMAN; David R. PATTERSON; Jeffrey M. LINNEN; Keming SONG

Serial No.: 09/494,332 Art Unit: 1655

Filed: January 28, 2000 Examiner: J. GOLDBERG

For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT MULTIPLEX DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

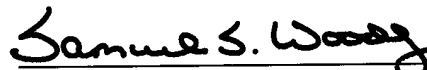
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated September 19, 2001 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-24, 26-31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 43-45 of this application.

The item(s) checked below are applicable:

1.  [X] An extension of time to respond to the final rejection is required: a petition and fee of \$400.00 are enclosed.
2.  [X] A timely response to the final rejection is submitted herewith.
3.  [X] An fee of \$320.00 is required for this appeal and is enclosed herewith.
4.  [X] Please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 19, 2002



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